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SUBJECT: WAYS AND MEANS REPORTS OUT REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL

1. ON APRIL 27, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORTED OUT HR 3350 REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL (IN FORM OF STAFF DRAFT) WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF TO EDIT. ON MOTION OF GIBBONS, BILL REPORTED OUT UNDER OPEN RULE, PERMITTING AMENDMENTS TO BE OFFERED ON THE FLOOR. DISCUSSION RANGED FROM QUESTIONING NEED FOR SEABED LEGISLATION (BY ARCHER) OR REVENUE SHARING TO PROPOSAL (BY STARK) THAT FIGURE FOR PAYMENTS BE RAISED FROM THREE-QUARTERS OF ONE PER CENT OF SALES PRICE TO TEN PER CENT (WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL AT UNCLOS). AT CHAIRMAN'S INVITATION, BERLIND (D/LOS) EXPLAINED RATIONALE BEHIND ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION
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AND NEED FOR REVENUE SHARING PROVISION. (BERLIND PLANS TO OFFER TO MEET WITH SELECTED MEMBERS FOR GENERAL BRIEFING BEFORE BILL GOES TO FLOOR.)

2. REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL WILL NOW BE MELDED INTO HR 3350. ASSUMING THREE MAJOR COMMITTEES (MERCHANT MARINE, INTERIOR AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) CAN IRON OUT REMAIN-

ING DIFFERENCES, BILL COULD GO TO RULES COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK
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